



# ParentInfo

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## Partnership between GCIPL and Kentucky Protection and Advocacy

Recently, Kentucky Protection and Advocacy (KPA) and the newly appointed Governor's Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership (GCIPL), an independent non-profit organization developed by the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, announced a partnership to educate and prepare parents and caregivers of students with disabilities to become active participants in Kentucky's education system.

KPA is a client-directed legal rights agency that protects and promotes the rights of individuals with disabilities.

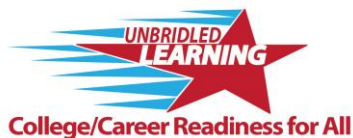
This GCIPL will include specific special education advocacy information. Additionally, participants selected for this training program, through an assisted application process for GCIPL, will be trained in leadership and communication skills, given information that includes achievement data, and provided with an explanation of Kentucky's public education system.

This will enable participants to work more effectively with other parents in their communities to improve local schools and increase student achievement by designing and completing a project in their school or district.

Advocacy skills learned in the program will help parents and caregivers take leadership roles in parent-teacher organizations, school councils and committees, local school boards, and in other roles that can positively influence student achievement.

The institute consists of six days of training (three two-day sessions) from August to November. Attendance for all six days is required. Applications are open to any parents or other caregivers with children in public school. Tuition, materials,

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## Important SAT dates to know

### SAT test dates

- **Jan. 26, 2013**  
(Dec. 28 registration deadline; late registration deadline is Jan. 11.)
- **March 9, 2013**  
(Feb. 8 registration deadline; late registration deadline is Feb. 22.)
- **May 4, 2013**  
(April 5 registration deadline; late registration deadline is April 19.)
- **June 1, 2013**  
(May 2 registration deadline; late registration deadline is May 17.)

[Additional fees](#) apply when registering late or making changes to test type, center or date after registering.

[Sunday administrations](#) usually occur the day after each Saturday test date for students who cannot test on Saturday due to religious observance.



## Helping your child stay safe

The [Parent Institute](#) recently released some tips on ways to help keep your child safe. Here are the recommended tips for parents:

- Make sure your child knows important personal information, such as his or her name, address and phone number.
- Help your child learn the phone number or numbers where you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Make sure your child knows and feels comfortable with a neighbor who is an emergency contact.
- Expect your child to walk and play with a friend – never alone.
- Tell your child never to talk to or accept help from strangers.
- Go over the safest routes to and from school, stores and friends' houses with your child.
- Tell your child to tell a teacher if something is frightening at schools.
- Review family emergency procedures with your child. Make sure he or she knows how to use 911.
- Discuss safety procedures published by your child's school. Emphasize the importance of following directions in the event of a school emergency.



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overnight accommodations, and meals will be provided at no cost to the parents selected to attend the institute. After the training, there is follow-up and coaching for attendees.

During 2013, at least two institutes will be held with an eventual goal of five or six being planned throughout Kentucky for the year. This GCIPL will be held in Louisville in the fall of 2013. Applications for this institute will be due in April 2013.

For more information about GCIPL, visit [www.kygovcipl.org](http://www.kygovcipl.org) or contact Leslie Jones or Joyce Pennington, Protection and Advocacy, at (502) 564-2967.

### Teacher receives Milken Family Award

Ryan Williams, a 3rd-grade teacher at Mary Lee Cravens Elementary School in the Owensboro Independent school district, is Kentucky's newest recipient of the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, which includes a financial reward of \$25,000.



Click [here](#) for more information. Ryan Williams

## Gov. Beshear establishes Center for Education and Workforce Statistics

Gov. Steve Beshear has signed an executive order establishing the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics. Its work will provide a more comprehensive view of the education to workforce process.

The center will serve as one independent source of quality data that links early childhood, K-12, teacher certification, postsecondary, adult education, workforce and other data to provide a better picture of the overall impact of state policies and programs.

Data from the center can link high school preparation to college performance; teachers to students and to the colleges where they were prepared; high school and college graduates and dropouts to employment; and early childhood to kindergarten and grade school.

The center will house the Kentucky Longitudinal Data System, a statewide repository of education data from early childhood through postsecondary and into training and employment. The system has been developed and maintained through the P-20 Data Collaborative consisting of the Department of Education, the Council on Postsecondary Education, the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet and the Education Professional

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## Tobacco sales compliance numbers released

Kentucky continues to make progress in limiting retail sales of tobacco to minors, according to a recently released survey from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS).

The [2012 Annual Synar Buying Survey](#) of Kentucky retail tobacco outlets showed 94.4 percent of retailers complied with the law barring tobacco sales to anyone under age 18. The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control conducted the survey during the summer to measure the rate of illegal sales of tobacco to Kentucky youths. The survey was completed in cooperation with the Division of Behavioral Health in the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities.

Since the federal Synar program began in 1997, Kentucky Synar retail violation rates have been consistently below the national rates. The national average for all years (1997-2012) is 15.8 percent, compared with 9.5 percent for Kentucky.

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Standards Board. The center will be supported by existing agency staff and will continue with its long-planned addition of two staffers to meet the requirements of additional service demands and a federal grant.

Additional public agencies to contribute data include the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, the Early Childhood Advisory Council and the Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education.

The executive order establishes the Office for Education and Workforce Statistics and the board of the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce statistics, replacing the P-20 Data Collaborative. The office will be attached to the Office of the Secretary of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

The board of the center consists of Terry Holliday, commissioner of the Department of Education; Robert L. Brown, executive director of the Education Professional Standards Board; Robert L. King, president of the Council on Postsecondary Education; and Joseph U. Meyer, secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. Meyer will serve as chair.

Benefits of the center include:

- providing objective, comparable, actionable data back to schools, districts, colleges, universities and communities that they can use to improve education
- maintaining linked data that allows for cross-agency statistics like linking high school performance to college success or linking postsecondary training to employment and earnings
- answering state and federal mandated reports that cross sectors.
- providing greater transparency both for development and improvement purposes as well as for policy makers.

Charles McGrew will serve as executive director for the center, where he will oversee the release of numerous reports and respond to data requests. The center will release a report on the employment outcomes of college graduates in January 2013.

It also will provide a follow up to the High School Feedback report, released by the P-20 Data Collaborative earlier this year, which will focus on the success of students who went to college. That report is expected to be released in the spring of 2013. For more information about these reports and other data, visit <http://kentuckyp20.ky.gov/>.